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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ARDITTI LTD.

FOR: WHITE ENGINES INC.
CANTON, OHIO
TELEX: 983439
ATTN: MR. LUIS W. HAMPER

REF: TELEPHONE CONVERSATION HAMPER/RUEDA, 6/8/77

1. REGARDING YOUR INQUIRY, FOLLOWING STORY APPEARED IN
THE JERUSALEM POST ON JUNE 9, 1977:

"A MILITARY COURT YESTERDAY SENTENCED DOV ZEEVI, A
FORMER ISRAEL ARMY MAJOR AND MEMBER OF THE ISRAEL
MILITARY PURCHASING MISSION IN THE UNITED STATES, TO
THREE YEARS IN JAIL AND A FINE OF IL 180,000.
ZEEVI, 54, PLEADED GUILTY TO ACCEPTING \$15,000 IN
BRIBES FROM THE NEW YORK FIRM OF ARCITTI EXPORT COMPANY,
WHICH SOLD SPARE PARTS TO THE DEFENSE MINISTRY ON
BEHALF OF A NUMBER OF AMERICAN MANUFACTURERS.
ZEEVI WAS ALSO FOUND GUILTY OF VIOLATING THE FOREIGN
CURRENCY REGULATIONS BY HOLDING \$30,000 IN AN
AMERICAN BANK ACCOUNT WITHOUT REPORTING IT TO THE
TREASURY.

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THE DEFENDANT WAS ALSO STRIPPED OF HIS ARMY RANK
AND GIVEN AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEAR SUSPENDED SENTENCE.
MILITARY PROSECUTOR RAV SEREN (MAJOR) AMNON STERSHNOV
SAID THAT ZEEV'S CASE WAS THE MOST SERIOUS IN ISRAELI'S
MILITARY HISTORY.

ZEEVI'S LAWYER CLAIMED THAT THE ACCUSED WAS NAIVE AND

HAD BEEN CAUGHT IN A WEB WOVEN BY YITZHAK ARDITTI.
THE JUDGES, IN PASSING THE SENTENCE, MAINTAINED ZEEVI
HAD NOT MADE JUST A SINGLE SLIP, BUT HAD TAKEN
BRIBES OVER A TWO YEAR PERIOD."

2. BELIEVE ABOVE STORY MEETS YOUR REQUIREMENTS.

AMERICAN EMBASSY
TEL AVIV, ISRAEL
LEWIS

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